(d) if so, the details of these stretches including those which are passing through Orissa State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has taken initiative to combat menace of HIV/ AIDS on projects funded by World Bank (WB) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

NHAI is implementing HIV/AIDS awareness campaign through Non-Govemmental Organizations (NGOs) alongwith National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) as part of their loan commitments. Accordingly, the NHAI has set up a HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Unit with experts and implementing HIV/AIDS awareness campaign along NH-2 (Delhi-Kolkata) and NH-28 (Lucknow-Muzaffarpur) through World Bank Loan. Further, it is proposed to implement HIV/AIDS awareness campaign along North-South Corridor [NH-26 and NH-7 (Lalitpur to Anantpur-Andhra Pradesh/Kamataka Border)] and East-West Corridor [NH-76 and NH-25 (Chittorgarh {Rajasthan}-Orai{Uttar Pradesh})] through ADB Loan. Presently, four NGOs have been awarded contracts for implementing HIV/AIDS awareness campaign along NH-28 (Lucknow-Muzaffarpur).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Accidents on NH-8

1311. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NH No.8 which is a part of Golden Quadrilateral, recorded a total of 140 accidents in June, 2007 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as many as 164 accidents occurred between Delhi and Jaipur in May, 2007; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction in regard to those accidents which have been resulting in the loss of several precious lives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Authentic data on the number of accidents is not available in the Ministry since these are reported to the police authorities locally.

(c) To minimize accidents on Highways, various safety features such as divided carriageways, separation of local traffic by provision of service roads, crash barriers, sign markings, delineators, cats eye etc. are provided. Ambulances services at every 50 km. distance (approx.) on completed stretch for carrying accidents victims to the nearest hospital are also being provided by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).